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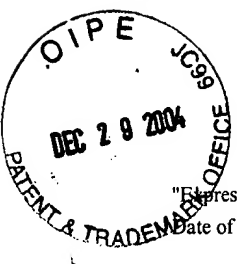
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In re application of:

Hou-Pu Chou

Application No.: 09/970,122

Filed: October 2, 2001

For: MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES AND  
METHODS OF USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2108

Examiner: Phasge, Arun S.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed December 1, 2004 requires restriction to one of four identified groups:


- I. Claims 1 – 9, 18 – 22, 27, and 28;
- II. Claims 10 – 17;
- III. Claims 23 – 26; and
- IV. Claims 29 – 33.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I without traverse.

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